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A CAMPAIGN AT HAND.

While Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wilson are blazing away at each other and each other's parties on the mainland, citizens of Hawaii have a much more important political contest on at home.

Hawaii's voice in the presidential campaign ends when the candidates are nominated. After that we can only view the battle from far off, and as a matter of unbiased fact, the presidential campaign has ceased to have any particular importance to the people of this territory so far as active part in it goes.

But the territorial campaign is here; candidates for delegate to Congress and for the territorial legislature have declared themselves; and the people will soon be faced with the necessity of making choices. First is the choice in the primaries and next is the choice at the general election.

Neither the primary nor general election for delegate offers any new issue. Kuhio's election is as nearly a foregone conclusion as any event of the future can be. McCandless is generally understood to be in the delegate race only as a means of keeping up and developing his political machine preparatory to a race for the mayoralty next spring. Louissou is a negligible factor. What Kuhio's candidacy represents and what McCandless' candidacy represents are perfectly well-known to the voters. The voters will divide pretty much as they did in 1914—not upon progressive issues but upon personal and party leanings and affiliations, upon old allegiances and past enmities, paid and unpaid.

The Democrats are offering but a slim list of nominations, so that in most cases there will be no choice at the primaries, and in some cases there are no contests in the Republican ranks. In others, particularly in the lower house nominations, the voters have an opportunity to choose between candidates.

The party platforms pledge the candidates to certain legislation and certain policies, but in addition the men who seek the support of the people ought to have some concrete ideas on carrying out the platform. Its planks are in most cases indefinite. No man should ask for support for a public office without knowing what he is going to do if elected. Every candidate may properly be asked where he stands on some of the public issues and every candidate should be so asked.

On Oahu the contests for the house in the fourth and fifth district will be close-fought. When the active campaign opens and the candidates take to the stump, they will have an opportunity to show whether they are running blindly and for the sake of the office, or with their eyes open and some conception of the responsible duties of a legislator in Hawaii.

BRITAIN'S FINANCING FEAT.

From Henry Clews' Banking Letter.

One of the unrecognized marvels of the present war is the financing done by the British government. Nothing approaching it has ever been witnessed or even conceived possible. Chancellor McKenna recently said war was costing Britain \$30,000,000 daily, which is at the rate of over 10 billions a year. Such figures stagger the mind; and yet, as just said, the end of these resources are not yet in sight, and the strain though terrific is borne with relative ease. Britain's financial skill and strength has been chiefly displayed

in her control of foreign exchange and the ability to pay her stupendous war bills. It is over a year since the British government issued any permanent loan, having paid expenses out of current taxes, treasury bills and short term obligations. The chief sources of British financial strength have been huge foreign investments, unexampled banking resources and control of a vast supply of gold and high grade securities. Great Britain has sent about \$200,000,000 of gold towards payment for her purchases in this country. She has also sent over American securities estimated at about \$1,500,000,000; so that her share of payment for the \$2,165,000,000 excess exports in the fiscal year just closed must be closely settled. It is of course well known that Britain has borrowed large sums in this market upon foreign-owned American shares as collateral; thus preventing any unnecessary liquidation of such holdings. But her borrowing capacity does not end here by any means. Great Britain owns \$15,000,000,000 foreign securities outside of Americans, which she could readily put up as collateral, and in addition she has \$7,000,000,000 of home railway securities upon which she could borrow heavily if necessary. The British government, however, is financing the war as far as possible upon the pay-as-you-go plan, and in this she is receiving material assistance at home from the economy campaign which has largely increased the savings of the working classes and so added to her financial strength. This war has developed many wonders, but none more striking than Germany's military prowess and Britain's financial skill and strength.

Chamber of Commerce, Ad Club and other organizations are busy getting up delegations for the Civic Convention at Hilo. Every mail from the Crescent City shows with what whole-hearted energy its people are preparing to welcome the delegates. Outside of the large list of accredited representatives who will go there are many visitors, attracted by the advertising of the convention and the second annual Hawaii County Fair, who are anxious to book on the convention steamer. Businessmen who plan to go by all means should enroll themselves at once.

The Maui sheriff and police have acquitted themselves creditably in running down the murderer of George Cooper of Hana. In fact, while comment was being made in Honolulu that the mystery should be solved with great delay, they were securing a confession from the murderer. Incidentally, the story of the murder is repulsive in its evidence of a long-held grudge by an Oriental laborer.

Republican managers have sent for the Colonel to deliver some speeches with his well-known punch. Not a few Republicans seem on the point of admitting that the Colonel should be making speeches for himself.

Governor Pinkham has not been invited to the Democratic ratification meeting. Panahi street only ratifies Panahi street's favorites.

President Wilson praises the "human legislation" enacted by this session of Congress. Evidently not referring to the new income tax.

Republicans of Hawaii are jubilant because so few Democratic candidates have filed. Why not speak kindly of the afflicted?

Now that Congress has adjourned the national campaign should warm up in earnest.

who was operated upon recently at the Beretania Sanatorium, is recovering rapidly and expects to return to her cottage at the Pierpoint, Kalua road, Waikeke, next week.

PERUVIA J. GOODNESS of Maui is visiting in Honolulu. Goodness was a member of the last legislature and withdrew in favor of George P. Cooke from the race for nomination for Republican senator. It is understood he will try next year for the executive office of the county of Maui.

MRS. RICHARD QUINN, wife of Assistant Engineer Quinn of the U. S. engineers' office, returned this morning from Hilo with her three daughters. They have been at Kilauea volcano for the last month and report the climate there cool and bracing, with showers in the early morning and fine weather the balance of the day.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—A. P. TAYLOR: Paper kuleles will not receive a warm reception in Hawaii. It will be a long cry to the time when we have grand pianos made out of old newspapers.

—CAPT. FREDERICK H. LAUKEA: My vacation starts Sunday and for two weeks I'm going to practically live on the ocean. That's what I call a real vacation and it's not expensive, either.

—CECIL BENNY: There is a rumor that Daisy will be put to work on the diamond at Athletic Park. The Philadelphia white elephants and the Honolulu baby elephant are still in the limelight.

—CHARLES F. CHILLINGWORTH, prosecuting attorney (to discharged defendant, up for drunkenness, and reformed): Keep straight,

Jack, and we're with you. Otherwise it will go hard for you.

—CLAIR TAIT: Swimming has been given a big boost here during the past two months. The Y. M. C. A. and harbor meetings have done much for the popular sport, and Honolulu is really placed in the front rank in the aquatic world.

—JUDGE J. M. MONSARRAT of the district court: I have decided to reduce the suspended sentence term on those before me for drunkenness from 13 to six months. Attorney Chillingworth says it is too long between drinks and I don't know what he is right.

—WILL WAYNE: The statement that Kalakaua Day plans are being held up on account of the governor being confined to his home is erroneous. The governor has requested the various interested organizations to meet and discuss the matter and is now awaiting their action. The chief executive is attending to all official duties from his residence and not a thing is being delayed or held up while he is at home.

L. R. Killam will speak to the members of the Korean Y. M. C. A. at the Palama chapel at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Syngman Rhee will preside at the meeting and will also address the members. Killam's talk will be translated to the members by Dr. Rhee.

In the appeal of the Waihoi Agricultural & Grazing Company, the tax appeal court of Hawaii has sustained the assessment of the tax assessor of that district. The assessor placed the value of the company's property at \$73,239, the company objecting on the ground that the assessor had no legal right to assess government lands under lease as fee simple lands. The company has taken the matter to the supreme court on appeal.

VESSELS AT SEA ARE TO RECEIVE WEATHER REPORT

Pearl Harbor Will Radio Four Times Daily Meteorological Conditions Here

By an arrangement that was completed this morning between the weather bureau and the army and navy, a report of Honolulu's weather condition is to be sent broadcast from the Pearl Harbor radio station four times daily to all ships in the neighboring seas. The report will contain a statement of temperature, state of the sea, direction and velocity of the wind and barometric readings. It will be sent out at 8 a. m., noon, 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. This will enable mariners to tell what kind of weather is to be expected at points between their position on the seas and Honolulu.

Local employees of the weather bureau hope to establish a system of exchanging messages with ships carrying radio sets, and if enough data can be collected in this way forecasts of the weather will be prepared and sent out to all ships at sea.

That is the system that has been built up on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts by officials of the weather bureau. The fact that Honolulu's weather condition was not known to ships at sea was brought to the attention of the head of the local weather bureau by Lieut. B. F. Tilley, U. S. N., radio officer at Pearl Harbor. The naval station has no direct telephone line to the city, so the difficulty of getting the message four times a day from the local weather office to Pearl Harbor had to be met, neither department having funds to pay for the long-distance call. So a third department of the government was called upon to assist and now the messages will go by telephone from the weather office in the Young building to the army wireless station at Fort De Russy. There the wireless operator will send it to the naval station at Pearl Harbor and the powerful radio set of the navy will send it broadcast over the seas.

NEW REVENUE LAW IS REAL VICTORY FOR TEMPERANCE

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called—is dealt a most severe blow. Beer is not touched by the tax which goes into effect today, and table wines of small alcoholic percentages are given a reduced tax of from one-half to four cents a gallon.

California Hard Hit The sweet wine industry of California, which represents largely the industry of the entire United States will be affected to a great extent. The entire production last year totaled 46,965,880 gallons. Following is the message received today:

"Washington, D. C.,
"Haley, Collector, Honolulu.

"Taxes at following rates take effect Saturday the 9th instant:
"On still wines containing not more than 14 per cent alcohol, 4 cents per gallon; containing more than 14 and not more than 21 per cent, 10 cents; exceeding 21 and not more than 24 per cent, 25 cents; exceeding 24 per cent, \$1.10 per gallon.

"On champagne or sparkling wine, 3 cents per half pint; artificially carbonated wines, 1-1/2 cents, on liquors, cordials or similar compounds containing sweet wines, fortified under provisions of act, 1 1/2 cents per half pint."

No Documentary Stamps Another highly important message relative to taxation was received yesterday afternoon at the revenue office to the effect that the so-called document tax through stamps on documents

P. S. SEELEY, C. S., TALKS TO LARGE LOCAL AUDIENCE

Doctrine of Christian Science is Expounded By Lecturer of Boston Mother Church

Under the auspices of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Honolulu, Paul Stark Seeley, C. S., of Portland, Oregon, spoke on the doctrine of Christian Science to a large audience in the Opera House Friday evening. Mr. Seeley is a member of the board of lecturership of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. E. K. Scott, first reader of the Honolulu church. He took up first the great work of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, telling how she rejected the theory that intelligence or thought could come from non-intelligent matter, and how she accepted the one reasonable premise that intelligence must come from mind and that all thought and life is the outcome and expression of mind.

He pointed out that Christian Science unfolds, in place of an obscure, mysterious or doubtful conception of God and His creation, the true idea or scientific concept of God and man, which is the cornerstone of right thinking and living and the way to Christian healing. The speaker took the definition of Christ from Mrs. Eddy's text-book, "the divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error."

Christ, then, is the true idea of God and man which comes to displace the wrong concept of existence enshrined in human consciousness, said Mr. Seeley.

Mr. Seeley referred to Mrs. Eddy as a gentle, refined and cultured New England woman, who received her early religious training from Puritan parents and who became a member of the Congregational church in her girlhood. She discovered the law of Christian healing, added the speaker, at a time when a severe accident threatened her life and her entire trust had to be placed in other than material remedies.

A full report of Mr. Seeley's lecture will be published in the Star-Bulletin on Monday.

ments and cosmetics is repealed, at once, in fact at midnight last night. By this tax brokers, real estate men, bankers, corporations, steamship companies, express companies, druggists and small merchants are exempt from the payment.

The message stated: "Stamp taxes in Schedules A and B on documents and cosmetics repealed after midnight tonight. Inform public."

Collector Haley called attention to that the fact today that this is not a repeal of any tax through wine tax stamps, however. The document tax has been in effect since December, 1914. It is estimated that the repeal will save Hawaii \$50,000 annually. Local Houses Affected.

There are in the territory two wineries, and 50 or more wholesale liquor houses, all of whom will be affected by the increase on sweet wine. The Hilo Wine Company and the Maui Wine Company manufacture sweet wine altogether. The increase in revenue here over the change is estimated at between \$20,000 and \$15,000. The local department began at once this morning by telephone and by letter to inform liquor dealers of the change.

KUWASHIGE ART EXHIBIT TO BE ON DISPLAY FOR DAY MORE, YOUNG HOTEL

One day more remains of the exhibition of paintings at the green room of the Young hotel, by G. Kuwashige, one of Japan's foremost artists. The exhibit has attracted wide attention among local art connoisseurs. It includes the work of other Japanese painters of renown.

Schofield Lodge, F. & A. M., meets at Leilehua tonight for second degree work. Honolulu members are invited.

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Personal Mention

JOHN A. DOMINIS, circuit court clerk, will return to his desk Monday morning after a month's vacation.

ARCHIE WONG WAI was a passenger on the Mauna Kea, leaving for a week's visit to his home town, Hilo, Hawaii.

EDWIN IDELER, instructor of violin at Oahu College, will return to Honolulu on the Ventura next Wednesday.

MISS HELEN CADWELL, teacher of music at Oahu College, has returned to Honolulu and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Campbell.

MANUEL COITO of Hawaii and Mrs. Coito are visitors in Honolulu. They will place their daughter in St. Andrew's priory for the coming school term.

CHARLES H. HUSTACE, motorcycle policeman, is driving the police patrol wagon this week during the absence of the regular pilot, David Kamahala, who is on his vacation.

ARTHUR HARRIE TURNER and wife will travel to Australia and intend to leave Honolulu in the Ventura on September 12. They have applied to federal court for passports.

MISS MARY BORN, principal of the Keauhou, Hawaii, school, and Miss Isabel Born, a teacher at the same school, have returned to the Big Island after spending the summer in Honolulu.

MISS SUSANNE GREGORY, niece of Capt. James Gregory of the Kinau,